

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

February Ice Storm

SITUATION REPORT #5

1400 Hours 15 February 2007

New Information in Bold Italics

This is the final situation report related to this ice storm event

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows around 12. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Wind Chill values as low as 1.
Tomorrow: Mostly Sunny. Highs in the upper 20s. West winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph.
Wind chill values as low as 2.

7 Day Outlook: A change to the current cold weather pattern is expected mid-week, returning temperatures to normal ranges in the mid-40s in the mountains and 50s in other areas of the state.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

State of Emergency: As of 1308 hours 13 February Governor Timothy Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to the ice storm.

EOC Activation: *The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Response Operations, but intends to return to normal operations in the next few days.* The VEOC **conducted** conference calls today with State Agencies, NWS offices, electric power companies, and localities in 5 VDEM Regions. ***There will be no further conference calls related to this event.***

Protective Actions: **Local Emergency Declared:**

Rockbridge County – 14 February at 2030 hours
Augusta County – 14 February at 1330 hours
Shenandoah County – 13 February at 1500 hours
Page County – 13 February at 1630 hours

EOC Activations:

Orange County – 14 February at 0700 hours (partial activation);
closed 14 February at 1800 hours
Rockbridge County – 14 February at 0100 hours; ***closed 15 February at 0600 hours***
Loudoun County – 13 February at 0330 hours; ***closed 15 February***

OPERATIONS SECTION

State Warning Point: ***Returned to normal operations.***

Local Liaison: ***Continuing to follow-up with localities and assisting as needed and will demobilize at 1700 hours today.***

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 4 – Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) – Two groups of 5 chainsaw crews and 2 humvees were deployed to the City of Harrisonburg and the VDOT Stephens City Construction Yard. Chainsaw crews were sent to the Fairfield area office. ***ESF 4 demobilized at mid-day on 15 February.***

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services - ***As of 0955 hours, Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has confirmed 3 storm related fatalities: 1 in Loudoun County, 1 in King and Queen County and 1 in Prince Edward County.***

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ESF 13 – Virginia National Guard (VNG) – The Virginia National Guard was released at 1600 hours 14 February *and all personnel are off state active duty.*

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 6 – American Red Cross (ARC) – American Red Cross is monitoring the effects of the weather event across the Commonwealth *and will remain on standby. Two special needs families sheltered in hotels.*

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 1 – Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) – As of 1200 hours, VDOT reports that there are no continuing road closures as a result of the winter storm. *ESF 1 demobilized 14 February at 1900 hours.*

ESF 12 – Energy – *As of 1330 hours, power outages in the Commonwealth are as follows: Virginia Dominion Power - 4,600, Rappahannock Electric - 5,300, Appalachian Power - 7,000, and Shenandoah Valley reports scattered outages. All utilities report that the vast majority of customers should have service restored by midnight tonight, 15 February. All restoration should be completed by midnight 16 February.*

LOGISTICS SECTION

Demobilized as of 14 February at 1900 hours.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 - Emergency Management – *Conducted* State Agency and Region wide conference calls and *prepared the final situation report. Planning Section will demobilize at 1700 hours today.*

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ESF 15 – Public Information – *ESF 15 demobilized as of 14 February at 1900 hours.*

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Region I: *Goochland County opened a shelter on 14 February at 1700 hours and closed it at 0800 hours 15 February. Consideration will be given later today to re-opening the shelter on an as needed basis through tonight.* Caroline County opened a warming center shelter at 2030 hours 14 February at the Upper Caroline Volunteer Fire Department. The shelter was closed and the family of four occupying it was provided lodging at a local hotel by the American Red Cross.

Region II: King George County opened a shelter at 1700 14 February *which closed at 0800 15 February.* Louisa County *opened* a shelter at Louisa County Middle School *which closed at 0600 hours on 15 February. A warming center was opened and will be operational during the daytime hours today located at the Intergenerational Center. Decision will be made later today on re-opening the shelter at Louisa County Middle School.*

Region III: Augusta County reports a shelter was opened at Wilson Middle School in Fishersville at 1200 hours 14 February. The shelter closed at 0800 hours 15 February. City of Waynesboro opened a shelter at the Waynesboro High School at 1200 hours 14 February *and closed it as of 15 February.*

Region VI: Rockbridge County *reported* two shelters opened *on 14 February* with no shelterees. *Both shelters closed on 15 February.*

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